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RUMANIAN PIPELINE SABOTAGED,  
GUERRILLA ACTIVITY REPORTED

LINE PUNCTURED AT SEVERAL POINTS - Rome, Bolletino Danubiano, 20 Apr 51

Fresh acts of sabotage were committed on 9, 10, 11, and 12 March on the pipeline carrying petroleum from Valea Prahovei (Rumania) to Constanta and Odessa. The saboteurs succeeded in puncturing the line at various points, causing enormous losses of gasoline. The efforts of the Rumanian secret police and the Soviet Command to apprehend them have thus far been fruitless.

The pipeline, constructed by the Soviet Command in 1946, is 1.50 meters underground, and in the initial plan extended from Ploesti to Reni, a point in Bessarabia on the north bank of the Black Sea, touching the cities of Faurei, Braila, and Galati. Recently the line has been extended from Reni as far as Odessa. At Faurei, a line branches off toward Constanta. At Cernavoda the line crosses the Danube, being attached to the Bucharest-Constanta railroad bridge.

At Ploesti there is a powerful pumping station. There is a second pump at Faurei to distribute the gasoline toward Odessa or Constanta, depending on the instructions of the Soviet Command. At Reni, large storage tanks have been constructed right at the installation, and part of the gasoline pumped from Ploesti is stored, to be transferred later to tankers bound for Odessa.

On the bottom of the Siret and Prut rivers, in Moldavia, the pipeline is, for the sake of security, a double one. The line crosses the Siret River at a point exactly 50 meters away from the Barbosi railroad bridge.

The control and guarding of the pipeline are under the Soviet Command. Soviet motor patrols travel day and night along the whole line, which is divided into security zones. In 1947 control stations were installed at 4-kilometer intervals, to check the pressure on the pipeline. There is special apparatus to sound an alarm whenever the pressure is low, indicating that somewhere in the line there are losses of gasoline, due to sabotage or mechanical defects. A special telephone net connects the Soviet control stations. When this is out of order, the Soviets make use of the Rumanian railroad telephone and telegraph system.

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Every 200 meters there are signs stating that "Acts of sabotage against the pipeline are punishable by death." Despite this, there are frequent acts of sabotage. During the winter, the peasants devised a system of stealing large quantities of gasoline without its being noticed by the Soviets.

GUERRILLAS CLASH WITH ARMY UNIT -- Istanbul, Cumhuriyet, 15 Jun 51

Paris, 14 June -- According to reports reaching Stockholm, violent clashes occurred on the night of 28 May in Moldavia between Rumanian partisans and Communist militia forces. According to the reports, the Communist militia units which came to the aid of a Soviet Army unit ambushed by Rumanian resistance forces suffered heavy losses.

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